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Siege Of Nathanya

City Without Water, Milk And Ice

Nathanya, via Jerusalem, July 15.
The siege of Nathanya is on. What 24 hours ago was an ordinary Palestinian community now is a virtual armed camp, completely in the hands of the British Army. Its more than 5,000 people are crowded in their homes—fearful even to appear on their balconies because they might be shot by trigger-happy soldiers who swarmed over this peaceful seashore town before dawn today.

There is no water, milk or ice in the city. No arrangements have yet been made for the distribution of Nathanya's food supplies, and in the city, no one is allowed to leave his home, to call them—and all telephones have been cut off.

The military authorities met this morning and promised to attempt to bring order out of the present chaos, but things were still snarled up at noon.

Hundreds of civilians are being herded, cattle-like, into a barbed-wire enclosure unprotected from the hot sun, where they are forced to remain until closely screened by the military authorities, who are moving repper-like through the town, combing it completely in search of two British non-coms who have been missing since Saturday.

YOUTHS QUESTIONED

At least two truckloads of Nathanyanites, mostly youths, have been taken out of town for further questioning.

Militarily speaking, "Operation Tiger" is a huge success. Trucks, armoured cars, tanks, Bren guns, carriers and sufficient troops to launch a good-sized attack invaded Nathanya.

First results were the temporary arrests of Mayor O. Ben Ami and his son, who brought up to his superior officer. We were released to the custody of a soldier, protector in order to prevent our further detention.

The British soldiers are very touchy about their occupation duties. Temporary forts have been constructed from cement blocks and soldiers with bayonets sprawl listlessly in the midst of the town's flower-bedded traffic circle, machine-guns menacing vacant streets.

The British Army searched half the controlled area of Nathanya at sundown today without finding the "top grade" extremists who disappeared brought martial law to the little diamond-producing town.

A military spokesman said 68 persons had been detained, including 11 for whom the Government had been searching. He said the "top grade" extremists was among the detainees but he refused to divulge any names or the circumstances of the arrests.—United Press.

AUSTRALIA CALLS FOR 70,000 IMMIGRANTS

Paris, July 15.
Mr Arthur Calwell, the Australian Minister for Immigration, declared here today that Australia needed 70,000 immigrants, necessary to "protect Australia and to help build up the country's economy."
Mr Calwell, who is now touring European countries to encourage applicants, said that 400,000 applications had been received from Britain and 15,000 from France.
He expected to see displaced persons' camps in Germany and make arrangements for Australia to absorb some of the displaced persons. "Any displaced persons who may go to Australia will have to be selected by the Australian authorities," he said today.
He added that the Australian Government thought those of Baltic origin most desirable.—Reuter.

Four-Year Recovery Blueprint Sought For Europe

Paris, July 15.
Representatives of the 16 non-Soviet-controlled European nations today completed the first stage in the joint recovery programme with American dollar aid under the Marshall Plan.

Meeting for the third and probably the final time in the plenary session at the French Foreign Office, delegates of all Europe outside the Soviet zone of influence approved unanimously a joint planning—organisation to be the spearhead of their recovery programme under the Marshall Plan.

The new 16-nation body will be known as the "Committee for European Economic Co-operation". It will consist of the main Co-operation Committee on which all 16 nations are represented, a small executive committee headed by Great Britain with France, Italy, the Netherlands and Norway as additional members, and four technical committees on food, and agriculture, power, iron and steel and transport.

The committee start installing themselves tomorrow in the Grand Palais here, which will be their headquarters for the next six weeks.

Their assignment is to draw up a report on the development of production of major European industries which may result from increased efforts by individual countries and by stepping up inter-European trade.

2. On requirements in essential commodities which can only be obtained from abroad, specifically from the Western Hemisphere.

UNIQUE UNANIMITY

The report will in effect be a four-year recovery blueprint. At the insistence of the smaller powers, the door will continue to remain open to Soviet Russia and the eight members of her satellite bloc who boycotted the conference under Soviet pressure.

Despite the atmosphere of unanimity which marked this conference unique in recent diplomatic history, delegates were aware that the first stage just completed was by far

the easiest and that the period of actual planning would prove far more complicated.

It was expected, however, to be simplified to some extent by the development of subsidiary blocs of small European nations, which will each work on committees as single economic units.

These are the so-called "Benelux" group of Belgium, the Netherlands and Luxembourg, the Scandinavian bloc of Denmark, Norway and Sweden, and the Eastern bloc of Greece and Turkey.

Although it was generally agreed that the major political and economic issues regarding Germany would not be touched, diplomats here believed German economy could not help causing difficulties in the drawing up of a general relief plan. Chief of these difficulties will be that Britain, in full agreement with the United States, is anxious to step up Ruhr coal, iron and steel production, whereas France still is adamantly set against any move that would raise the level of German industry above what was agreed on at Potsdam.

PRIVATE CONFERENCE

The full conference was scheduled to meet again around August 30 to approve the draft plan written by the Co-operation Committee before it was set to Washington.

Following the wind-up of the conference, tonight, the British Foreign Secretary, Mr Ernest Bevin, and the French Foreign Minister, M. Georges Bidault, conferred privately for a half-hour at the Quai d'Orsay.

The new organisation of 16 nations was laid before the conference immediately after it convened by Herve Alphand, Economic Director of the French Foreign Office.

The only speakers were the Belgian Foreign Minister, Paul Henri Spaak, and the Turkish Ambassador in Paris, Numan Memmenoglu, who announced respectively that Belgium, the Netherlands and Luxembourg (Benelux) on the one hand and Turkey and Greece on the other had agreed to represent each other's interests individually and collectively in the Low Country and Eastern European blocs in all committee meetings of the new organisation.

CO-OPERATION PLEDGED

In the name of Belgium, the Netherlands and Luxembourg, M. Spaak pledged the three nations to full co-operation in European economic recovery and urged the establishment of carefully co-ordinated short-term and long-term reconstruction programmes for presentation to the United States. He said the first job of all European nations was to increase their own production and to import more rather than export more to enable a substantial increase of international trade.

Before closing at 4.50 p.m., delegates heard M. Bidault praise "the great atmosphere of goodwill and mutual understanding and speed with which the task has been fulfilled."

M. Bidault added: "By this conference, nations represented here have shown that, firstly, states which have not met before met together here; secondly, the conference was not deceptive; thirdly, and most important, it shows the world it is possible to work quickly and achieve results."

"This conference holds much hope for Europe," said M. Bidault. "On behalf of my Government, I say, not only to the states around this table (Continued on Page 4)

Major Battle Rages On Albanian Border

FURTHER PROVOCATIONS

Athens, July 15.
The Government today reported that Greek troops encircled more than 2,000 guerillas invading Greece from Albania and a published report said that American and British naval units were headed for Athens waters.

Military dispatches said that the Greek troops had halted the advance of the guerillas marching across the Albanian border toward the key city of Ioannina and nipped off the spearhead to encircle the main invasion force. Army quarters described the fighting in the Albanian border zone of North-west Greece as a major battle. They said the guerilla warfare is entering a new phase of organised mass fighting with the apparent objective of seizing areas for possible establishment of a Communist "free Greece."

The afternoon newspaper, Estin, said that sizable British and American fleet units, including aircraft carriers, are expected to enter the Gulf of Corinth today.—United Press.

"DEMOCRATIC ARMY"

Prague, July 15.
The official Yugoslav news agency, Tanjug, reported from Athens today that "Greek Democratic Army captured the town of Anaporesa after intense fighting, had seized control of the entire Katerina area" and held full initiative in all parts of the country.

"Operations likewise are continuing with great ferocity on Mount Gramos and near Sarandor, where Government aircraft and artillery are taking part," Tanjug reported.

"From reports of Greek monarchist-Fascist newspapers and short Army communiqués, it is seen that the Democratic Army holds full initiative in all parts of the country."

The agency said "a Democratic Army detachment" destroyed a railway station in the Seres plain and added, "It seems the partisans are controlling the larger part of the Seres region."

Quoting reports to monarchist papers in Salonika, it said that "units of the Democratic Army" entered Katriona suburb.

LONDON DENIAL

London, July 15.
A Foreign Office spokesman today denied a report that the Foreign Office had said that Britain would protest to the United Nations if an international brigade were involved in the Greek fighting. "We said no such thing in any case, that is not our attitude," he said.

At a press conference, the spokesman said, "Britain has received various reports concerning the alleged existence of an international brigade." He said Britain had "made inquiries in several countries."

"So far, however, our information is not such as to confirm the existence of an international brigade," he said.

He declined to reveal in what countries inquiries had been made.—United Press.

VISITING WARSHIPS

London, July 15.
The Admiralty said today that the cruiser Liverpool would visit Athens on July 18 and three other units of the Mediterranean Fleet, including the aircraft carrier Triumph, would enter Greek waters a week later during the Fleet's summer cruise.

The Admiralty spokesman emphasised that the visits would have no political significance as the schedule had been arranged long before the present Greek crisis.

STOP PRESS

"SLAP HAPPY" APPEAL

"Slap Happy" Inouye Kanoo's appeal against his conviction on a charge of treason, and the death sentence passed on him, was this morning dismissed by the Full Court of Appeal. The sentence was upheld.

After the Court had delivered judgment, Inouye said he would like to make application for filing an appeal to the Privy Council.

Mr Justice Williams told him that he would have to make the application to the proper authorities.

The Full Court comprised Mr Justice Williams and Mr Justice Gould.

Worth Big Headline

London, July 15.
London newspapers had banner headline news for their readers on Tuesday.

For the first time everybody can buy two shillings fourpence worth of meat during a two week period instead of the usual one shilling two pence worth each week.

Food Minister John Strachey said that the "save up" system was being introduced for the convenience of small families.—Associated Press.

Isolation Of USSR Urged

Angry Congressmen

Washington, July 16.
Three mid-west members of the US Congress—Republican—urged for economic isolation of nations refusing to participate in the Marshall European rehabilitation plan.

Rep. Noah Mason of Illinois advocated that the United States sever diplomatic relations with Russia now and keep her isolated. "until she is ready and willing to co-operate."

Rep. Dirksen of Wisconsin announced he will seek to deny any of the US\$350,000,000 European relief programme to countries which failed to join in the economic proposal advanced by Secretary of State George Marshall.

Rep. John Byrnes of Wisconsin released copies of a letter asking President Harry Truman "to eliminate promptly" any relief to those nations who have refused to participate in the Paris economic talks.

Dirksen declared "if the European nations are more interested in Red Fascism than in the rehabilitation of their own countries, we will let us put an end to the use of American dollars to spread this hateful doctrine and thus undo the work which has cost hundreds of thousands of American lives and billions of the American Treasury."

MAKE HER CO-OPERATE

Mason said: "Many members of Congress believe we should sever diplomatic relations with the Soviet Union now, isolate her from the rest of the world and keep her isolated until she is ready and willing to co-operate to insure the future peace of the world. We believe drastic action on our part is the only way we can prove to Russia that she has gone too far already."

Democracy is dying in a Europe which is dying of war wounds. Democracy as we know it never existed in Asia. Democracy in South America exists in name only. In view of these facts it might be wise for us to devote our efforts to preserving democracy at home."

Byrnes said full and willing participation of the United States in the reconstruction of Europe is dependent in his last analysis upon the approval of the people. He added: "Such an approval will not be obtained and it should not be given unless our programme is consistent and is designed to aid only those countries who show willingness and desire to aid themselves."

He declared it is clear those nations refusing to participate in the Paris Conference have made themselves ineligible for relief assistance under America's foreign aid programme.—Associated Press.

The Sports Column

SURREY BEAT KENT BY 13 RUNS

London, July 15.
The results of cricket matches which ended today were:

At the Oval: Surrey beat Kent by 13 runs. Surrey 300 and 233 (Parkes 59, Wright seven for 84). Kent 230 and 242 (Fagg 62, Gover five for 81).

At Hove: Warwickshire beat Sussex by 174 runs. Warwickshire 209 and 209. Sussex 154 and 107 (Smith 78, not out).

At Westcliff: Gloucestershire beat Essex by eight wickets. Essex 330 and 220 (R. Smith 63, Cook six for 109). Gloucestershire 330 and 191, for two (Allen 69, Barnett 109 not out).

At Ebbw Vale: Glamorgan drew with Worcestershire. Glamorgan 314 and 137 for eight declared (Woolley 50, E. Davies 63 not out, Jenkins six for 52). Worcestershire 210 and 219 for seven.

At Nottingham: Nottingham drew with Yorkshire. Nottingham 330 and 89 for two. Yorkshire 353 (Yardley 90, Smallles 78 not out).

(Northants-Somerset and Leicestershire-Middlesex results not received).—Reuter.

No Title Bout This Year

New York, July 15.
Joe Louis will not defend his world heavyweight championship title this year, according to a statement made tonight.

The decision was reached at a meeting when the champion, his manager, Marshall Miller, and Sel Strauss, acting Director of the Twentieth Century Sporting Club were present.

Instead of defending his title as originally arranged on September 10, Louis will participate in two non-title bouts over ten rounds at Madison Square Garden during the autumn and winter.—Reuter.

COTTON LEADS

Paris, July 15.
Henry Cotton, former British Open champion, is leading the field at the end of the first day's play in the French Open golf championship.

He had a first round score of 68 to lead his nearest rival by four strokes, and then went round in 71 for a 36-holes aggregate of 139.—Reuter.

Miss Hart Drops First Set

Paris, July 15.
In the second round of the French lawn tennis championships, Louie Brough of the United States beat Almee Charpenel of France 6-1, 6-0.

Doris Hart (US) beat Jacqueline Paterni (France) 4-0, 6-0, 6-4.

It surprised the crowd, who believed Miss Paterni would be lucky to get a single game. A crowd poured into the court when it was learned that Miss Paterni was leading four-love in the first set, anticipating a sensational upset, but the French girl cracked under the strain and Miss Hart rattled off six games in a row for the match.—United Press.

CHINESE MOVIES TO BE PRODUCED IN N.T.

Plans for a new Chinese movie studio, to be built at Diamond Hill in the New Territories, were outlined today by representatives of the Grandview Film Co., Ltd., reportedly the Colony's largest pre-war producer of films.

The company is resuming production here after moving its studios to the United States during the war.

Only colour pictures will be produced in future, Mr Harry Jue, assistant general manager, said. Equipment is being brought from America, and camera and sound technicians will be American-trained.

Construction of the new studio will start in September, according to plans, and the company's first post-war movie made in Hongkong will be completed in December. Bungalows for the staff also will be built on the Diamond Hill property, Mr Jue said.

The company will employ about 100 actors and actresses, technicians, 100 actors and actresses, technicians, are completed, compared with 50 before the war.

Several film personalities well known to Chinese audiences before the war are returning to the Colony in August with Mr Joseph Sunn, the company's general manager, who was studying motion picture techniques in America in 1941 and opened the company's San Francisco branch after the Japanese seized the Colony.

These include Wong Jork Sing, Wong Chew Mow, Jow Quon Ling, and Leong Big York, who acted here pre-war and found their way to America to join the company's branch there.

All films are in Cantonese dialect. Grandview movies have been shown in Singapore, the Philippines, Penang, Taiwan, the United States, and Honolulu as well as Hongkong and China.

The company may continue its San Francisco branch, Mr Jue said, but its major productions will be made in Hongkong.

EDITORIAL

Board And Lodgings

APPARENTLY Government has decided to enquire from boarding houses and hotels applying officially recognised tariffs, about their present charges. It is high time. They call, not only for investigation, but revision. Figures have been quoted which show that a man and his wife need an income of \$850 a month for the bare necessities of three meals a day and a room in which to sleep; for "amenities"—such as washing, an electric iron, radio and fan, a further \$120. Unless, therefore, their income is \$1,000 a month, they are almost certain to be in debt. Their board and lodgings are not only more costly than the flat-dwellers', but they receive less than half the value for similar expenditure. Correspondents on this subject have raised several pertinent points. For the money they are now paying, they could obtain first-class hotel accommodation in London whereas in Hongkong many are still sleeping on canvas cots, are poorly served with bed clothes, seldom see butter on the table, are unprovided with table napkins, and still have to make shift with odd crockery and cutlery. When the

"official tariff" was first approved it was believed that the proprietors of boarding houses and hotels could not be asked to accept less, because of operating costs. Practical experience has now shown that the rates are excessive; that they provide an unreasonably high margin of profit at the expense of the state with limited incomes. We agree that the owners of these "public homes" should be allowed a fair profit though we cannot see why it should be higher than 50 per cent. We are convinced that not only are "extras" predatory, but that room rents should be cut by at least a dollar a day per head. The existing charges are unreasonable because, amongst other things, they have to be met by people who can least afford them. Cost of living indexes consistently point to a downward trend; but they find no reflection in current rates for board and lodgings. There is a good deal of evidence to substantiate the allegation made yesterday by two correspondents that hotel and boarding house proprietors are adopting a "get rich quick" policy; this is deplorable calling for censure and for action by the authorities.

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I SUPPOSE I am one of the few men in the country who is never certain if Gordon Richards is a jockey or a golfer; one of the few who never knows even the names of the horses running in the Derby, let alone the winner; and probably the only man in the country who has lived within walking distance of Epsom racecourse for 17 years and never been there on a race day.

Yet, apart from owners, jockeys, trainers and racing correspondents, I suppose I am asked more questions about this absurd race than any man in the British Isles.

I say "absurd race" because it is the one race in the year which grips the entire nation by the throat and says: "For a week you shall think and talk about nothing but the Derby."

All the great problems of the day are shelved while grown men either ask each other or tell each other what is going to win as if they were capable of forecasting future events. It is as if everybody, everywhere, had gone mad instead of the few who go mad on normal race days.

WHY am I asked all these questions about the Derby? Well, brothers and sisters, it is because I am connected with a newspaper.

So far as the racing enthusiast is concerned, all newspapers are produced entirely for his benefit. He judges them not by their opinions on political matters, but by their opinions on horses.

Vital news about world affairs means nothing to him. He is interested only in news about horses and jockeys.

Even The Times is sometimes bought for its views on racing rather than its views on current events.

I once met a purple-faced man who thought the Greek and Latin quotations in the correspondence columns were probably disguised racing tips.

THEREFORE, if you are connected in any way with a newspaper, it is no use telling these madmen that you hardly know a racehorse from a kangaroo; that you have never read a printed line about racing in all your life; that you have never been to a race meeting except on two occasions—once when you were a reporter and had to go under protest; and once when you were dragged to one by a Hollywood comedian who also believed that everybody must be interested in racing.

If you tell them all these facts they think you are either being silly, holding back vital knowledge, or that you are being profane—that is, trying to be funny about sacred things.

If you say: "If everybody connected with newspapers knew for certain the winner of every race, they would all be millionaires and all bookmakers would be paupers," you will be fortunate if they put it down to a touch of the sun and nothing worse.

FOR a man who hates racing, who considers it to be the most futile of all human activities, the two hardest things to bear during Derby Week are the foolish faces of horses peering at you from the front pages of newspapers and the people who hand you dirty little slips of paper, in the furly manner of a comedy spy handing over State documents.

The last time this happened to me I read the scrawled name on the slip of paper, gave it back, and said pompously:

"I am not interested in this. I am interested in something more important. What do you think of Pakistan?"

"It ain't running," they said. "I told you he knew something," they said.

"Artful basket," they said. Let's make sure," they said.

I left them feverishly glaring down the columns of the racing news.

Diary of a worm

EXCITED worm arrives home and tells wife generous employers in City are taking worm and witty office worm friends for motor-coach ride to sea. All food provided, says worm. Jolly manager will lead choruses on road, and four stops will be made there and back for other refreshments.

Oh, so this is how generous employer is treating slave worm, is it? Rather than pay worm proper boy's pittance so that wife could live in

proper home instead of pigsty; rather than give worm bonus so that wife could have proper seaside holiday in proper hotel with dainty teas served in lounge every afternoon with ladies' band playing Blue Danube, and proper dinner every night with wine on table, eagerly employer is saving science by giving worm cheap motor-coach ride and packet of stale sandwiches as if he were child out on Sunday school treat or, worse still, common workman on factory outing.

Of course, wife realises it is very kind of condescending manager to travel with slave worm and bring himself down to slave worm's level by singing silly songs.

If worm doesn't mind being patronised by common manager who was once office boy himself, it is not wife's business.

All wife can say is that if worm had more guts and initiative, and had been last out of office instead of first, and had taken trouble to study firm's business instead of spending spare time ogling blonde barmaids in low taverns and squandering fortune on wily worm friends, worm might have been manager himself, patronising slave worms and leading choruses.

Wife wouldn't mind if worm had outings in dignified way, like gas manager, who is head of Rotarians and travels in reserved first-class railway coach with gas-heads of country.

Instead of having sandwiches and beer on road, gas manager has proper lunch in train with brandy and cigars afterwards, and proper dinner in big hotel, where he makes witty speeches against Government.

AS worm could never hope to be head of Rotarians, or head of anything, and could never make speech without going red in face and making fool of himself, it is probably just as well that worm is content with his lot.

If worm can manage nothing else so dumb sex-mad worm will manage to sit next to youngest typist in coach, and no doubt worm will drink more than anybody else, sing vulgar

songs louder than anybody else, and pay for more than anybody else, while cynical manager looks on and marks worm down for such as good for nothing, unreliable scoundrel showing off with paltry pittance.

Then wife, who has worked fingers to bone trying to make ends meet, and never sees anywhere like gas manager's wife, who is lady Rotarian, will end up in gutter.

Party conversation

MY husband says if we are living on the same rations the poor lived on before the war, what did the poor breed on?

"If we want to win any fights in the future we shall have to give up professional boxing and take to professional homicide on the American model."

"It's odd that although America relies largely on Negroes for their sporting victories, they seem anxious to lynch them on the slightest provocation."

"Darling, one doesn't sweat at a party. One perspires."

"Margaret's father says as the world line up is now vodka versus whisky we ought to keep our stocks in the country."

"My husband says that the war's greatest miracle, after Dunkirk, was that two powerful nations, believing in roughly the same thing, tried to exterminate each other."

"THE greatest postwar miracle is how Brenda's husband lives, despite her awful cooking."

"In Wall-street they sing 'There'll Always Be An England'—so, lend money to."

"Margaret's father says that as British and American naval and military equipment is being standardised, so should the whisky stocks of both countries be standardised."

"The people who complain most of being tired are those who don't do anything."

"And they're the people who are always going to die if they don't have a holiday."

"When I have a holiday abroad, all I want to do is come home."

"Back to the dear old vegetable soup and canned spaghetti in meat sauce."

"And dried eggs and dehydrated spinach."

"You only get courtesy from older men now. The younger ones are positively insulting."

"It's the age of the common man, isn't it?"

"My husband says that some people who criticise Governments haven't enough brains to run a coffee stall."

"Margaret's father says that in the whisky versus vodka war distilleries will be more important than munition factories."

"SEASIDE places are going to be hell this year because everybody has holidays with pay."

"When the ex-ide rich go abroad and say England's finished what they really mean is that they're finished."

"It would be much better if they stayed abroad as nobody wants them here."

"If Brenda's cooking gets much worse her husband's going to get a job in a circus as a professional fastening man."

"Margaret's father says the first move in the whisky versus vodka war will be to destroy our barley crops."

"When we're prosperous again I suppose all those who have left the country will come crawling back."

"Margaret's father wants underground distilleries now."

HYKOMARU IS WORLD'S
CHAMPION CORMORANT

By MILES W. VAUGHN

YKOMARU, world's champion fishing cormorant, popped from the depths of the Nagara river into the light pattern of a giant torch of flaming pine knots and disgorged a full 18 ounces of assorted brook trout from his capacious gullet into a wicker basket on the bottom of our sampan.

It was a good catch and Hykomaru, who is just getting back into stride after years of war-time semi-idleness, turned to his master with a smirk of self-approval, and prepared to be put back into the water.

The occasion was a revival, after five years of war, of one of the world's oldest sports—cormorant fishing, which ranks with falconry as an exhibition of man's ability to train a wild creature to do his hunting for him.

Hykomaru, 21 years old and in the prime of life, belongs to a man who himself is a champion. Kanji Yamashita, head of a family which for 17 generations has belonged to the Nagara village guild of cormorant fishermen, former purveyors to Japan's Imperial household.

HANDLES 12 AT ONCE
Yamashita is 64. He is the only man in the world who can handle 12 trained cormorants at a time and likes to recall how he demonstrated his skill at the San Francisco Fair in 1935.

Cormorant fishing is a chief tourist attraction of the town of Gifu, which sprawls along both banks of the swift-running Nagara River.

This first postwar exhibition, attracted thousands of guests, including many American soldiers, who stood on concrete parapets along both sides of the river rapids or sat in house-boats along the river.

Fishing is done only in the dark of the moon and conditions were ideal this night, since the sky was overcast and there were occasional rain showers. As soon as it was dark, boatmen at the head of the rapids began releasing hundreds of tiny wooden candle boats, which bobbed down the current in the centre of the river and formed a moving series of lights like giant fireflies extending as far as one could see. Simultaneously, fireworks displays were started.

FLARES LIGHTED

Half an hour later the six cormorant fishing boats moved into position at the head of the rapids, and boatmen lit their flares, which are used to attract the small brook trout called "ayu." The flares are large iron baskets at the end of a pole extending at right angles from the bow of the boat—a narrow plouge-like canoe some 40 feet long. The baskets are filled with flaming pine knots and are replenished frequently to provide a great ball of flame which is reflected on the water.

When the boats are in position, the cormorant masters, barefoot, with tight black silk turbans, black shirts, and grass skirts much like those of an Hawaiian hula dancer, take their position and remove the hunting birds from wicker cages.

Each bird has a brass ring around his neck at the bottom of his enormous gullet, which is capable of holding a quart or more. The birds are controlled by strings which the fisherman holds in his right hand and manipulates to keep the birds working under water as the fishing progresses. Most fishermen can handle not more than four or five cormorants.

DRUM BEATING

At a signal, the boats are released and start a mad dash down stream with a tremendous beating of wooden drums, which aid in attracting the fish. The cormorants are released directly under the torches and immediately start scooping up the trout.

A well trained bird will keep swallowing trout until his gullet is full and the tail of the last fish is protruding from the cormorant's mouth. The birds seize the fish at their gorges and then quickly jabble and wiggle their scented bills and swallow them head first.

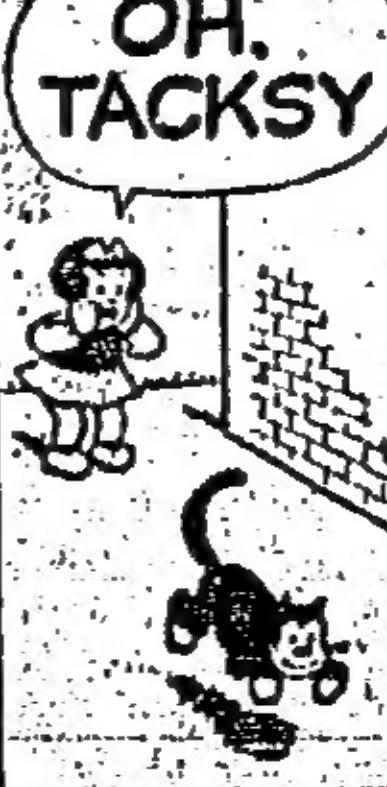
A trout caught by a cormorant is supposed to be of vastly superior flavour to one caught in a net or trap, because the fish is killed the moment the cormorant seizes him. Instant death is supposed to cause the superior flavour.

Hykomaru caught more than 50 trout during a single run down the rapids. The catch, weighed out eighty pounds and was valued at 1,500 yen or about US\$30—United Press.

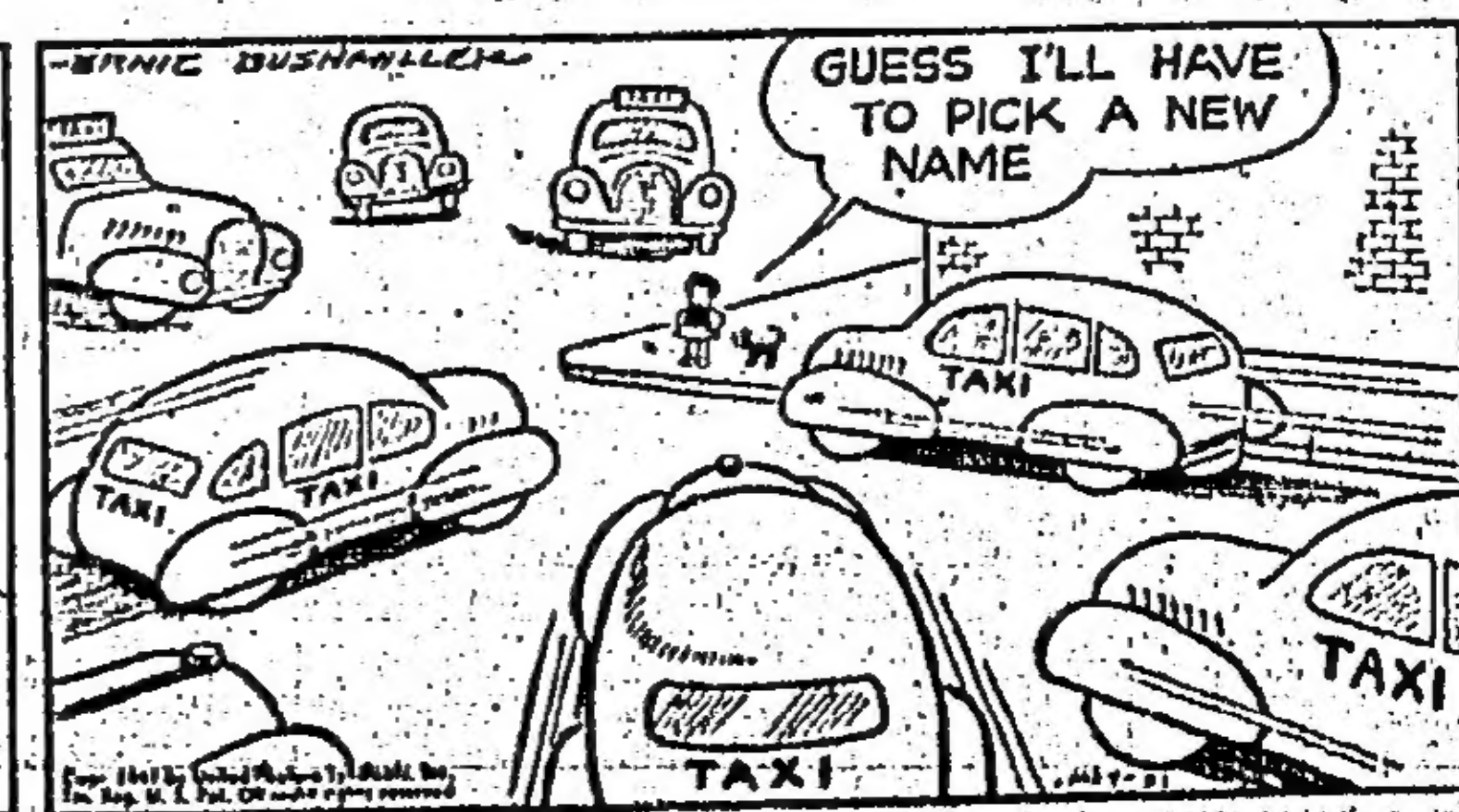
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By Ernie Bushmiller

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CHA kang-tu, kang so pi cha. So runs one of the oldest Chinese proverbs. Controversy as to its precise meaning need not detain us, who have no suggestions to offer.

Starlight and Slime

NIMBLESBY MANOR had been "restored" by Farrage. It was he who had put the stained glass windows in the Georgian wing, the thatch on the garage roof, and the Doric pillars, above the Victorian porch. But it was when he saw how comfortable her mother was in the spacious rooms that Lynette began to consider sacrificing herself to what lump of money, Farrage. Also, she wanted to herself that luxury even with Farrage, would be better than life in lodging-houses. And Farrage saw her wavering, and took his time. The biggest deal of his life was to come off shortly. Then he could relax, and become a country gentleman, with riding breeches and a whip. Meanwhile he let the idea of Nimblesey sink in until mother and daughter were both naming how nice it would be to live there—without the owner.

A dissenting voice

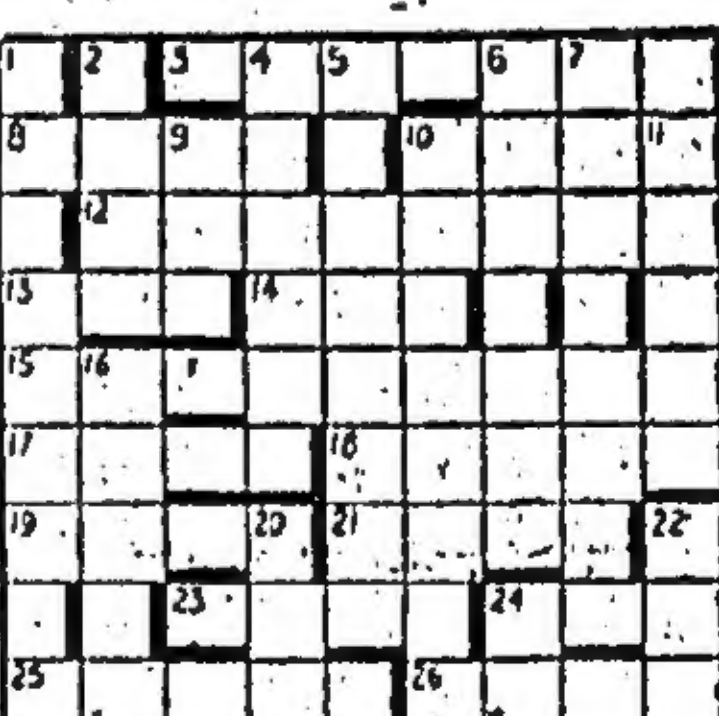
THE following letter appears in the current number of Effort, the weekly trade journal of the internal braceplait setters and wipers.

... This four-way registration is only our old friend two-way registration under another name. No unit of multiple registration can be said to be increased so long as the double registration goes out in duplicate, prior to the same being returned, either in sets of two or four. The use of two sets of two papers, provided they are duplicated, is merely an expedient designed to facilitate the efficient functioning of the old two-way system. The unit of multiple registration remains identical.

Official comment

On being shown this letter a high official at the Ministry Bubble-blowing commented thus: "The writer confuses the duplicates received with those sent out. Under the two-way system (back and forth), there was no corresponding up and down procedure. It is not correct to say that the double registration goes out in duplicate, since it is explicitly laid down that the first two papers cannot be issued alone, even in duplicate, unless the other two have been sent back. It is to clear this bottleneck that the up and down procedure was introduced."

CROSSWORD PUZZLE



1. Continent (4)
2. A split came, spot it? (4)
3. Three-quarters of it is a blot, but how women long for it (4)
4. The heart of all codes (3)
5. An all backwards for it (3)
6. The sort of shot that may prove negative (4)
7. Down
8. Flain provides you with one (9)
9. To the signaller she follows the time pip (4)
10. Metropolis (10)
11. A long curved Turkish dagger (5)
12. It has been described as agitation of the mind (7)
13. It provides you with the tide sin (10)
14. In some places there is a colour (10)
15. Hedge sparrows (10)
16. It has provided many an artist with support (5)
17. Intention (5)
18. How the Yank would enliven? (4)
19. No return away from the off (2)
20. Solution of yesterday's quiz—Across
21. Pinacle; a pavilion (5); Travel (3)
22. Act 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th, 18th, 19th, 20th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 25th, 26th, 27th, 28th, 29th, 30th, 31st, 32nd, 33rd, 34th, 35th, 36th, 37th, 38th, 39th, 40th, 41st, 42nd, 43rd, 44th, 45th, 46th, 47th, 48th, 49th, 50th, 51st, 52nd, 53rd, 54th, 55th, 56th, 57th, 58th, 59th, 60th, 61st, 62nd, 63rd, 64th, 65th, 66th, 67th, 68th, 69th, 70th, 71st, 72nd, 73rd, 74th, 75th, 76th, 77th, 78th, 79th, 80th, 81st, 82nd, 83rd, 84th, 85th, 86th, 87th, 88th, 89th, 90th, 91st, 92nd, 93rd, 94th, 95th, 96th, 97th, 98th, 99th, 100th

Women BEAUTY ARTS

This Space Every Day
By LOIS LEEDS



Posed for Lois Leeds.

Lois Leeds gives you some Eye Lights for Beauty.

EYE LIGHTS

Warm water, applied with a clean pad of absorbent cotton, is soothing to the eyes. Follow this with cold compresses. When you use eye lotions be sure that they are a nationally recognized product or one that your druggist recommends to you.

Always use a heavy eye lotion for cleansing the eyes. If you use creams and stay away from eye makeup, then an eye lotion is a necessity, if only for cleansing.

Eye pads are relaxing for tired eyes. I believe that those soaked in warm milk are the most soothing. If you can take time out for a few minutes, cleanse your face and throat, wash your eyes, smooth on some eye cream and, over this, apply compresses or eye pads.

Puffiness under the eyes often comes from some underlying weakness but this puffiness can be treated locally by what I call rest treatments. For puffiness which occurs when you are feeling exhausted, try this. Wet a piece of absorbent cotton, about four by six inches, then

press it as dry as possible. Place it over the eyes and rest.

Make an eye mask by using a piece of absorbent cotton three by six inches. Strip it off until it is quite thin. Dip in warm water, then sprinkle with eye lotion. Lie down and relax for at least ten minutes with it over your eyes. Then, when you are ready to make up your eyes, they will be rested.

To lighten dark circles under the eyes, use a little makeup cream in a lighter tone than the one used for the rest of the face. Work in smoothly, blend and powder. Use eyeshadow on the lids to detract from the dark circles.

To get that young, "dewy" look over the eyes, use colorless eye cream on your eyelids.

Things Were Too Much With Doris

Family discipline was too much for Doris June Kirsopp, 16-year-old Pittsburgh girl.

Doris June penned a note to her family and then fired a rifle bullet into her head by tripping the trigger with a coin hammer.

The pathetically childish note was turned over to the Coroner. The note read:

"Dear Mom and Dad and Don: I am sorry for what has happened before but this is the only way out. I couldn't stand you and Dad giving me those hurt looks any more. Sorry it ended this way. Your loving daughter, 'June'."

On the other side of the paper was written: "I just wanted to go up the street. Everytime I go out at all you tell me is that I just go out to see boys and it isn't true."

"Love, 'June'."

"P. S. You never get mad at Don (her brother)—only me. Give my baby sitting jobs to Naomi and Shirley." She referred to Shirley Smith, her cousin, and Naomi Kohlmeier, a friend.

Naomi said Doris and she had met a boy at Kenywood Park, and said Doris gave the boy her phone number, and added, "Doris told me that the boy had called for a date but she couldn't keep it."

McNutt Urges Help Allies Before Japan

American trade interests will be better served if the rehabilitation of Japan is postponed to permit other oriental countries which were United States Allies in the war to get back on their feet, Paul V. McNutt, former Ambassador to the Philippines, said in Chicago. He spoke at a meeting of the Midwest regional committee of the Far East-American Council.

ANIMALS AND HUMANS HATED HIM

The fat lady, the sword swallower, the animal tamers and the clowns all shook their heads at Barnum and Bailey's circus in Baltimore and said they didn't know who murdered Richard Sheehan, the circus bully.

Sheehan, six feet seven inches tall, with a tattooed star on his forehead, was riddled by bullets as he slept in his tent near cages of elephants, lions and tigers.

Three men were seen running away immediately after the shots. Apart from that detectives have few facts to go on.

"Sheehan was the most unpopular man in the circus," said one Barnum and Bailey official. "Even wild animals hated him and growled at his approach."

Sheehan, 45, was a vagabond with a police record who was hired to drive one of the scarlet-and-gold circus wagons when the "greatest show on earth" was on the move. Crowds flocked to see the circus's biggest attraction, a young York-shireman named Al Davis during death on a tight-rope high above the arena.

Few knew of the drama taking place in the shadow of the Big Top.

ATE STICK AS WELL

This story is on record and it happened in Singapore in 1940 when members of the Australian Imperial Forces were stationed here.

A Malay land-owner treated a group of Diggers to a satay feed at his residence one Sunday afternoon. Everything went off fine, the lads enjoyed themselves—with the exception of one tough, grizzled hand.

Remarkably the Malay host: "What's the matter? Don't you like our Malay speciality, satay?"

Replied the Digger: "Oh, it's fine and it tastes all right, only there are too many blessed bones in the thing."

It was then discovered that the soldier had been chewing the meat and skewer all in one piece.

White Crocodile Brings Luck

A white crocodile, regarded as a phenomenon, as crocodiles are normally light brown, is reported to have been seen on the banks of the Penang River, according to the Straits Echo.

Local Chinese believe that a white crocodile is a luck-bringer, while Malays hold it "sacred."

The crocodile, thought to be about seven feet long, was said to have been seen by passersby crawling out of the water during low tide and disappearing in the swampy undergrowth.—Reuters.

MALACCA MEMORIAL WILL SOON BE UNVEILED

A \$13,000 (Straits) memorial which bears the engraving of four characters of dedication written by President Chiang Kai-shek himself, will shortly be unveiled in Malacca in honour of over 600 Chinese victims of Japanese massacre in the settlement.

Construction of the memorial, which has been held up for nearly six months largely because of the delay in obtaining the Chinese President's dedication message, has been speeded up and the finishing touches are now being laid.

Designed by Ee Hong Swei, a Malacca architect, the memorial takes the shape of an obelisk rising 38 feet from the ground.

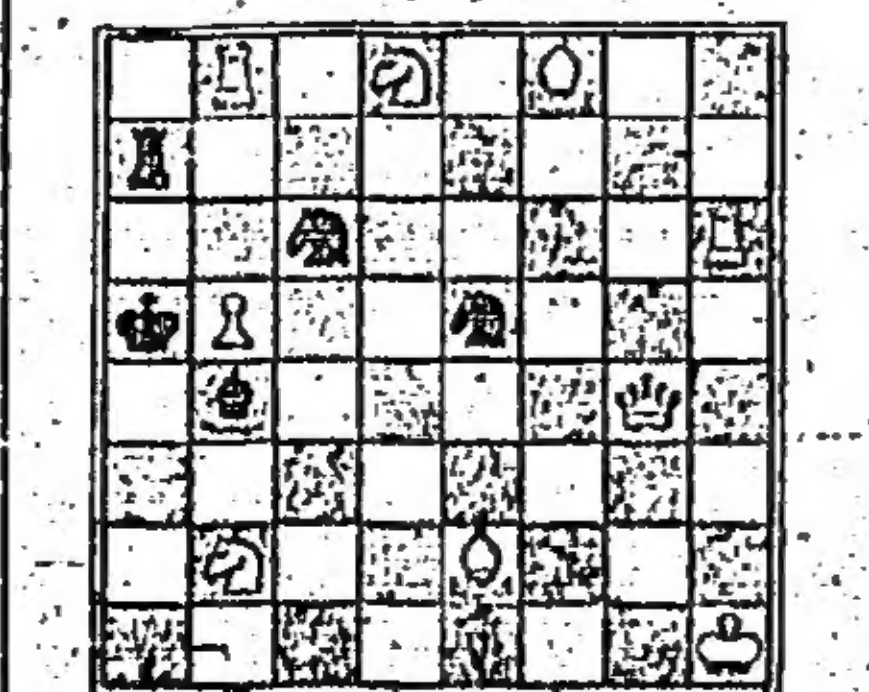
Soon after the liberation a committee for the rebuilding of Malacca was formed and a sum of \$25,000 was raised from the Chinese community in Malacca.

Figures given to the Committee by the B.M.A. and purporting to have been obtained from Japanese records, revealed that 97 bodies were to be found near the site of their massacre at Tanjong Kling while a further 219 were indicated at Ke-sing and Merlimuar.

The Committee soon got to work and exhumation of bodies was carried out. Besides the numbers indicated by Japanese records—a further 300 remains were exhumed.

CHESS PROBLEM

By ARTHUR A. PAUL
Black, 5 pieces.



White, 8 pieces.
White to play and mate in two. Solution to yesterday's problem:

1. Q-B1; Threat 2. B-B5. A. Q-P2 (ch); P-Q3; 2. Q-B2. B. Q-B1; 3. Q-B1.



Russian's Land Submarine

A mechanical mole—a piloted machine for burrowing into the earth's crust—has been invented, and successfully tested by a Russian engineer. The "mole"—16½ ft. long, 4 ft. wide—is worked by an electric motor. Power is supplied through a cable which slowly unreeels from the machine.

The pilot, in a soil-tight chamber supplied with oxygen, drives the machine like a tank. Port-holes allow him to see the nature of the earth through which he is burrowing. He relays details to the surface by telephone.

The first penetration is made by the pointed nose of the mole, which is fitted with a powerful toothed drill.

Once a burrow has been formed the machine forces itself through the soil in true mole fashion. Jointed legs, fitted at the rear reach forward and dig into the sides of the burrow. Then they stretch and push the whole machine forward.

The soft earth is taken up by a revolving conveyor, wrapped spirally round the body of the mole.

This conveyor presses the soil into the sides of the burrow, and its screw action helps to push the machine along.

Dr A. I. Trebelkov, who invented the machine, claims that, through average soil the mole can move at 30 ft. an hour. (A live mole—5 inches x 2½ inches—digging with its front legs covers less than this in a night.)

Before designing his machine Trebelkov dissected dozens of moles to study their structure and digging muscles.

Then by means of an X-ray machine he watched moles burrowing in packing cases filled with earth. The mechanical mole has been used successfully for prospecting at the Gora Blagodatnaya mine in the Ural Mountains.

Now the Russians plan to use it in their search for uranium.

NIEMOLLER AND JEWS

Washington ought to get rid of the Jewish members of the American Military Government in Germany.

The reason? Because anti-Semitism is growing in Germany, again after being almost wiped out, and this anti-Semitic trend is due to the presence in Berlin of officials "with an understandable spirit of hatred and revenge."

These were the astounding statements made to German news services at a press conference held by Pastor Martin Niemoller, on his return from his extended visit to the United States, according to Germans who attended, reports the Chicago Daily News Correspondent.

Difference Of Opinion

Three Filipinos and one Spaniard who have just returned to Manila from a trip to Spain had this to say of Spain of today.

"There's peace and tranquillity in Spain," said Congressman Jose Rodriguez Veloso.

"Spain is heaven," declared Juan Hernandez, of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

From one Filipino and one Spaniard who stayed away in the boat which brought back Congressman Rodriguez, "Life in Spain is unbearable."—Reuters.

Rupert and the Young Imp—19



Grabbing the shuttlecock just as it touches the grass, Rupert goes to his amazement that it contains a tiny figure and that an impudent little face is grinning at him over the feathers. "I love playing with this thing," squeals the wee creature. "It's better than a parachute. Is it yours?" Rupert recovers his breath. "You're an imp, aren't you?" he says. "But you're not one of the Imps of Spring. I've met them before, but I've never met one like you."

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SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"Don't you think we'd better wait till Dad gets home to start digging? He likes to turn the first spadeful of dirt and then boss the job!"

Russia Challenged By U.S. On Global Police Force Issue

Lake Success, July 15.
The United States today withdrew from the Security Council its earlier demand that the Council drop all other business in order to settle the Balkan dispute.

WINNIE UP AND ABOUT

London, July 15.
Mr. Winston Churchill's secretary said today that the 72-year-old Opposition leader was recuperating slowly from his recent operation.
He said Mr. Churchill, who is at his country estate, was starting to lead a more normal life and was trying to be up at least part of each day.
"It is possible that he will be able to come up to London soon, but I have no idea when he will be able to fully resume his duties," she said.—United Press.

Indonesian Flare-Up Reported

Batavia, July 15.
The undeclared war between the Dutch and the Indonesians flared up on land and sea today, and a Dutch army communiqué reported that Dutch soldiers have been "forced" to cross the demarcation line into Republican-held territory at an undisclosed point.
An Indonesian communiqué said the Republican shore batteries fought a bitter 90-minute duel with five Dutch patrol vessels at Kelapang, in East Java, yesterday, and the battle was resumed at 8 a.m. today. One Dutch plane engaged in yesterday's action.
The communiqué said that unopposed hostilities continued on all land fronts. It was reported that four Dutch soldiers were killed when a Dutch unit with tanks attacked Indonesians west of Batavia.
The Indonesian said the Dutch used 10 tanks in another skirmish but did not reveal the locality.
The Dutch communiqué said that three clashes took place in the western sector of Batavia and four east of Batavia as a result of the Republican aggression.—United Press.

Wants Direction Of Labour

Hastings, July 15.
Mr. Arthur Deakin, General Secretary of the Transport and General Workers Union, the world's largest union, today called for a return of many wartime measures, including a limited policy of direction of labour, to lead Britain out of her grave economic crisis.
Addressing more than 700 delegates representing 1,300,000 men at the Union's biennial conference here, Mr. Deakin made these proposals when introducing a resolution which demanded a progressive reduction of the armed forces.
The resolution was passed by 600 votes to 13, and he was cheered when he said: "There are a great many people who are doing no useful job of work. There are thousands who ought to be in productive industries."

Labour direction, he said, would substantially ease the problems of many undermanned industries.
Mr. Deakin asked for a cessation of restrictive trade union practices in industry to achieve a full measure of production in the country and advocated production incentives, including payment by results.—Reuter.

Tu Lu-ming Going On "Sick Leave"

Peiping, July 15.
Mukden dispatches today said that General Tu Lu-ming had been relieved temporarily of his Manchurian command to permit him to go on sick leave.
One newspaper said he planned to go to the United States for medical treatment.—Associated Press.

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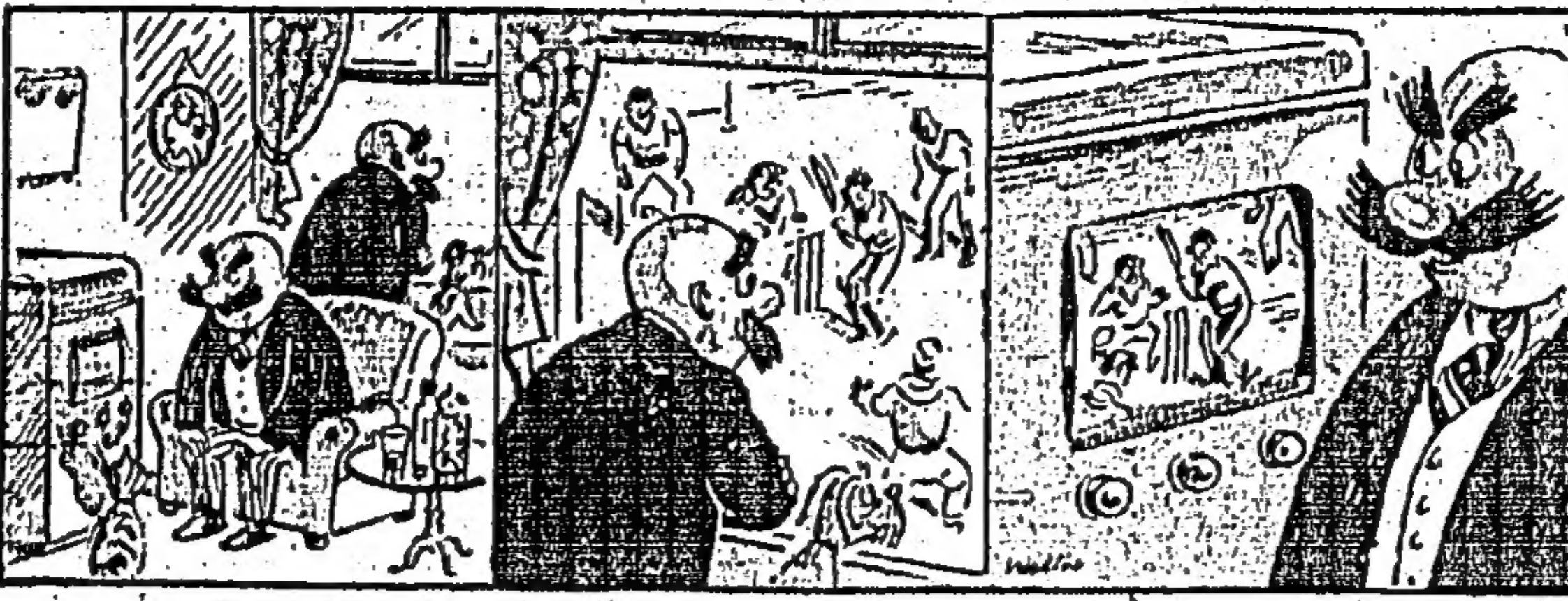
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DAB... AND FLOUNDER

—by Walter



INDIA INDEPENDENCE BILL PASSES COMMONS WITHOUT DIVISION

London, July 15.
Members of all parties in the House of Commons today joined Sir Stafford Cripps, President of the Board of Trade and a member of the Cabinet Mission to India, in wishing success and pledging future assistance to the Dominions of India and Pakistan, which will come into existence on August 15.

INVITATION TO GENERAL SLIM

New Delhi, July 15.
The Indian Government has invited General Sir William Joseph Slim, former commander of the 14th Army, to be the Commander-in-Chief of the army of the new Dominion of India.
It is also learned unofficially that Lieutenant-General Sir Frank Messervy, General Officer Commanding the Northern Command, India, will be the first Commander-in-Chief of the Pakistan (Moslem) Army.—Reuter.

BEDS FOR TRADERS

Tokyo, July 15.
Kotaro Nagai, Director of the Japanese Board of Trade, said today that billets for the first group of 400 Allied businessmen expected to arrive in Japan will be completed by August 15—the scheduled date for the reopening of private international commercial relations with Japan under SCAP supervision.

He said 200 beds will be available in Tokyo, another 50 at Nagoya, 200 at Kyoto and 60 at Osaka. The billets in Tokyo will be the former hospital of the Imperial Household Department in the Imperial Palace. Food for the visiting businessmen will come from the United States.

Nagai said that the tentative daily charge of US\$40 against each visiting businessman might be too low. He expressed optimism that the arrival of the businessmen will be beneficial to both sides. He said Japanese producers will get a good picture of what people abroad want, and the visitors will in return find what is available in Japan.—United Press.

Uruguay Gets Balance

London, July 15.
£1,000,000 will be released to Uruguay immediately from her £17,000,000 balances under the Anglo-Uruguayan sterling balance agreement signed in London today, official circles stated this afternoon.

A further £700,000 will be released from the balances during 1946 and £130,000 will be set aside to establish scholarships for Uruguayan scholars to study in Britain, it was added.
The release of the balances will be "blocked," but Uruguay will be empowered to use as much of the balances as necessary for the purchase of British-owned utilities in Uruguay, notably the Central Uruguay Railway.—Reuter.

NAZI GENERALS CHARGED

Nuremberg, July 15.
The trial opened here today before an American court of 11 former Nazi generals, accused of war crimes against humanity.
The defendants include Field Marshal Sigmund Wilhelm List, who was at one time commander-in-chief in the Balkans and a former Inspector-General of Reserves in the German Army, Field-Marshal Maximilian von Weich, former commander-in-chief of the Balkan forces, and Colonel General Reda Jäger, former commander-in-chief of the Norway forces.
Except for one charge relating to Norway, the generals were all charged with atrocities during the German Balkan occupation.—Reuter.

Introducing for the third reading the Indian Independence Bill, which was first presented to Parliament less than a week ago, Sir Stafford Cripps declared that it would do more to create "a real and living friendship with India than any other action which this country has ever taken."

He was strongly supported by Mr. R. A. Butler, Conservative member, when he declared that by giving independence to India, Britain was establishing her "honesty of democratic purpose."

Mr. Butler in his turn emphasised that with this move Britain was showing she was practising as well as preaching the principle of self-government.
Sir Stafford Cripps made it clear that the British Government did not consider its job done merely with the passage of this bill.
Sir Stafford said that by the very fact that the two dominions of India and Pakistan would be an integral part of the British Commonwealth, Britain was bound to further their progress and prosperity.

After three and three-quarters of an hour of debate, the House of Commons tonight gave its third reading of the bill without division.
The Prime Minister, winding up a discussion in which goodwill to India was the dominant note on all sides of the House, was cheered as he declared that the Indians could count on the utmost sympathy and help from Britain without the slightest degree of patronage.
"He was hopeful that partition would result in a federation in which the parts would have full scope of independence."

Lord Winterton, Conservative member who spent seven years in the India Office, winding up for the Opposition, pleaded for friendship between the two Indian dominions and Britain.
Lord Winterton declared that that friendship must be reciprocal and genuine on both sides and on a level of equality. Because the Indian leaders were Britain's former enemies, there was no reason why they should not become her friends.

Lord Winterton said that a few statesmen had moulded the policy of their country to the extent Lord Mountbatten had done.
Constant Growth
"He believed that the new relationship would be both striking and fruitful, for there was a constant growth of new ideas within the ambit of the British Government."

He did not want to say anything further than he had said regarding the states except that the door must be left open.
With regard to the civil servants, they had, he thought, on the whole, satisfactory assurances and he hoped that the Government would continue to do everything they could, in consultation with the new authorities, to try to stabilise and safeguard in every possible way the position of those people.

Then there was the question of the scheduled class.
One of the many evil things Mr. Gandhi had done to India was what he had succeeded in bringing about by the Poona Pact. Had it not been for his action, these people would have enjoyed a much better franchise than they did today, but Mr. Gandhi threatened to fast to death if he was not given the franchise.

Several times he had been asked to allow his name to be submitted for an Indian presidency, but could not accept because for better or worse he was wedded to the House of Commons. (Lord Winterton is the "Father" of the House.)
Religious War
He asked the House not to ignore the immensity of the racial and religious problems facing India. For a long time past he had thought that partition was inevitable. The lightest form of statecraft was to accept the inevitable and not try to get round it. That was why he welcomed the bill.

FOOD OR NEWSPRINT?

Govt. Cuts Defended

London, July 15.
The Food Minister, Mr. John Strachey, today sharply defended the Government's newsprint cuts as the alternative to reduced food imports.
"I would put food far above newsprint," he said.

"Of course we have got to have some newsprint imports. I am a journalist by trade, but when I have to choose between food and extra pages in my newspaper, I must confess my journalist trade union feelings are not strong enough to put newsprint before food."

Mr. Strachey said he would be "strongly opposed" to devoting additional funds to importing newsprint.
He said his food export plan target of £10,000,000 annually needed "public understanding." He said his object was "to buy more, especially more food, and that none of the ten million would go far on newsprint."

BREAD RATIONING

He said he could not expect wheat imports from Russia to end bread rationing. "I do not think one can pick out one factor and say it would be absolutely decisive."
He said the chances of strengthening Britain's watered-down beer depended upon the barley crop. "Six weeks ago it looked pretty poor, but it is now improving," he said.

Announcing the issue of free vitamin tablets to new mothers, Mr. Strachey said maternal and infant mortality had shown an "extraordinary decline" compared with pre-war figures.
Mortality figures per thousand declined from 2.55 in 1939 to 1.43 in 1946 and stillbirths from 38 in 1939 to 27 last year.

"It is a pity these figures are not better known, especially abroad where one reads in the American and foreign press how badly we are doing," the Minister said.—United Press.

Mass Arrests In Rumania

Bucharest, July 15.
Over 100 members of the opposition in Rumania have been arrested in Bucharest and the provinces in the last 24 hours, it was learned here tonight.

Those arrested are reported to have been largely members of the National Peasant Party, including its President, Dr. Julius Maniu, who is being allowed no contact with the outside world.—Reuter.

It was difficult for the British people to understand the religious fervour in India. But in the past Europeans had killed thousands of people in religious wars.
Mr. J. Carr-Saunders, Independent Labour Party member, offered his congratulations to the Government for "a great piece of work." He looked upon the choice of August 15 as a date of happy significance because that was the birthday of Keir Hardie, one of the great friends of India.

Sir Stanley Reed, Conservative, said that he had always thought that the day when India gained her independence would be the proudest day in the history of the Commonwealth, and he held to that opinion now.
"I have a joyous heart in this great enterprise to which we are committed. I refuse emphatically to admit that this is goodbye to India and farewell. Whoever may think that, I do not. The hope to revisit that land is one of my cherished ambitions."

"We are at the end of one epoch and the opening of a new—on epoch of co-operation," Sir Stanley added. The bill will now go to the House of Lords for debate tomorrow.—Reuter.

Soviets Trying To Veto Korean Political Groups

Seoul, July 15.
Maj.-Gen. Albert Brown, chief American delegate to the Joint Soviet-American Commission in Korea, today accused the Russian delegates of trying to establish "arbitrary veto power" over Korean political groups to be consulted in the formation of a provisional coalition government.

Brown said in a press release that the members of the conference had been in constant disagreement during four weeks of the current talks. He said Russia wished to exclude from consultation any Korean political group or social organisation of which it does not approve—a position, he said, that is contrary to the agreement reached at Moscow.

Brown said the second major points of dispute was the membership of certain South Korean groups on the so-called "anti-trusteeship committee."

Major Points

He listed the major points of disagreement as:
1. The Russians contend that industrial, mercantile and producers' organisations and societies organised for study of politics and economics are not, in fact, social organisations as defined in the Moscow agreement. The United States demands that the Soviets define their conception of the term social organisations, and the United States contends that the term should be defined according to the dictionary.
2. The Soviets contend that local party organisations without a central zone office are not eligible for consultation. The United States contends that there is nothing in the Moscow agreement or in any other agreement to bar such organisations.
3. The Russians contend that anti-trusteeship and similar organisations are not eligible to be consulted as a political party. The United States contends that they are eligible until they are excluded by a mutual agreement.
The fourth major point is what was called a Russian attempt to use veto power on drawing a list of parties or organisations to be consulted. The United States contends that there is nothing in any of the United States-Russian agreements on the establishment of the Korean Commission which provides such veto power.—United Press.

TRANSPORT BILL GETS PAST LORDS

London, July 15.

The overwhelmingly Conservative House of Lords passed the Labour Government's Inland Transport Nationalisation Bill today but sent it back to the House of Commons with a dozen amendments passed over the Government's protests.

Approval came on the third reading of the bill which will bring Britain's railways, bus lines and long transport contractors under government ownership by next January.

Conservative peers outvoted the small Labour representation 12 times on various amendments during their two-month consideration of the measure.

The bill reached the Lords after the Labour majority in the Commons beat down by 308 to 104 votes Conservative and Liberal attempts to reject the measure, regarded as a keystone of the Government's nationalisation policy.

Parliamentary observers anticipate another Commons battle when the House considers the technical and administrative amendments.
Already the measure has become the most bitterly fought sector of the Government's nationalisation front. The Conservatives have inspired large-scale public meetings and printed protests against its passage.—Associated Press.

FALKLAND IS. CLAIM

London, July 15.

The British Foreign Office said today that the Anglo-Argentinian notes published on Monday in Buenos Aires on the question of the South American Republic's 114-year-old claim to the Falkland Islands had been exchanged some time ago and represented no new exchanges.

Argentina reiterated her claim to sovereignty over the British-occupied islands on the grounds that she inherited the Falkland group from Spain. Britain has always refused the Argentine claim and her attitude remains unchanged, a spokesman said.

Regularly each year Argentina informs Britain that she considers the islands territory to be her own.—Associated Press.

Pope Receives Harriman

Vatican City, July 15.

The Pope today received in private audience the U.S. Secretary of Commerce, Mr. W. Averell Harriman.

Mr. Harriman, who came to Rome two days ago to confer with the U.S. Ambassador, Mr. James Duffin, and Italian government leaders on Italy's economic needs, left immediately after his audience with the Pope, by plane from Ciampino Airport for Paris.—United Press.

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